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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **CRL.M.C. 2161/2026**

HARISH CHANDER MANCHANDAPetitioner

Through: Mr. Bhaskar Vali, Advocate.

versus

STATE (GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI) & ANR.Respondents

Through: Mr. Raj Kumar, APP for the State.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

ORDER

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24.03.2026

CRL.M.A. 8923/2026 (exemption)

Exemption allowed subject to all just exception.

CRL.M.C. 2161/2026 & CRL.M.A. 8922/2026 (stay)

1. Petitioner takes exception to order dated 29.01.2026 whereby petitioner along with co-accused Sh. Shyam Arora has been summoned for committing offences under Sections 406, 409, 420 read with Section 120-B IPC.
2. The summoning is based on a complaint filed by respondent No.2 herein, who had made investment in one project namely 'Earth Titanium Studios'. According to him, the company concerned played fraud with him as well as with 800 other investors. The petitioner herein was appointed liquidator by the *National Company Law Tribunal* (NCLT) on 10.01.2020 and his co-accused was appointed as authorized representative of home buyers.
3. It is argued that at one previous point of time, the learned Trial Court,



itself, had asked the complainant to place on record sanction under Section 197 Cr.P.C. but thereafter, for totally unexplained reasons, without having such sanction on record and without making any order dispensing with the sanction, the accused have been summoned. He submits that the complainant had even made a complaint before the *Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India* (IBDI) on 17.11.2025 but there is no decision thereupon, though reply has been filed by the petitioner. It is also submitted that with respect to the alleged acts of irregularities and cheating, the matter was, though, brought to the notice of NCLT, there is no finding by them.

4. It is in the abovesaid backdrop that summoning order has been challenged and petitioner seeks quashing of the abovesaid order.

5. Issue notice.

6. Learned Addl. P.P. for the State/respondent No.1 appears on advance notice and accepts notice and seeks time to file status report.

7. Let the same be filed by next date of hearing with advance copy to opposite side.

8. Issue notice to respondent No.2, through all permissible modes, returnable on 22.05.2026.

9. Petitioner has also appeared in person and is wheelchair bound. He is exempted from his physical appearance and would be at liberty to appear through his counsel before the learned Trial Court, till the next date of hearing.

MANOJ JAIN, J

MARCH 24, 2026/st/sa